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POLICE REPORT

PURCELLVILLE, Va. May 12th, 2016 —

05/05/2016 – 01:00 Hrs. 700 Blk of E. Main St. **Suicidal Person**

The officer was approached by a citizen asking for help to find their son who was having suicidal feelings. It was reported to the officer that the son had been sending text messages that were possibly suicidal. The officer checked the area and enlisted the help of the sheriff's office. The person was located with minor injury. He was taken to the E.R. and was evaluated. Due to the quick response of family members, Police were able to find this person and he is now getting the help that he needed.

05/05/2016– 09:30a.m. E. Richardson Lane. **Attempted credit card fraud**

Police were called for a report of a company credit card being used without permission. An unidentified person attempted to use the card at an online store. The charge was declined. The police department has gathered information and is currently investigating this incident.

05/07/2016 – 7:30p.m. W.O. & D Trail between Hatcher Ave / Maple Ave. **Juvenile complaint**

Police were called to the bike path for a report of juveniles shooting guns. When the officers arrived, it was found that the juveniles were shooting BB guns. The juveniles were shooting at trees. The officers explained that it is not allowed to shoot BB guns within town limits. The officers also explained that it is dangerous for them to walk around with realistic looking guns. At least one of the juveniles was warned about this, weeks prior. The juveniles were turned over to their parents at the scene.

05/11/2016 – 7p.m. 17000 Blk Pickwick Dr. **Threats and Intimidation**

Police were called to the home for a report of threats. This incident is currently under investigation.

05/12/2016 – 08:00a.m. Positano Ct. **Telephone fraud**

A person came into the police station to report that they were a victim of Fraud. This person was sent a letter saying that he had won a Sweepstakes. The first letter said that he had won \$300,000 and the second letter said he had won \$890,000. A check was enclosed in the amount of \$6,900. This person was instructed to cash the check and then send the cash to an address in Las Angeles, CA. This amount was to cover the taxes on his winnings. Over a period of a few days he had sent a little over \$18,000. This case is currently being investigated.

The Purcellville Police Department wants to warn its citizens about phone and mail scams. These scams have become more complex and people have believed them. Here are a few of the most common scams we have heard of at this time.

IRS SCAM

A person calls and claims to be from the IRS. This caller will have some, if not ALL of your information. The caller states that they need to send money immediately or the police will show up at their door and arrest them.

We also want to remind its citizens that the IRS does NOT make phones calls to collect money. The IRS will send a certified letter by U.S. Mail. The police will not come to arrest anyone for unpaid taxes.

SWEEPSTAKES SCAM

A person receives a letter saying they have won some sort of sweepstakes. They are directed to send a certain amount of money to cover taxes on their winnings. This scam has changed over time and has become very sophisticated.

Please be aware of these types of phone calls, letters or emails. If you are not sure about a particular letter, email or phone call, please speak to a person that you trust or please call the Police Department and we will investigate. If you have become a victim of this type of fraud, we encourage you to call us, so this can be reported. Many people do not come forward because they are embarrassed or they feel nothing can be done. We need your help to track these types of crimes and need your help.

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

Purcellville is an award-winning town of nearly 8,500 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 40 miles west of Washington, DC. It has been honored for its green initiatives, most recently with the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities. The Town has an elected Mayor and six Town Council members. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, Purcellville has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, entertainment, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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